

State of California, California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Coast Region
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING ENROLLMENT FORMS FOR THE CONDITIONAL WAIVER FOR
IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE**

I) NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) INSTRUCTIONS

The NOI is a one-page application form required for coverage under the Waiver. It must be submitted along with: 1) Ranch Information Sheet 2) Ranch map(s), and 3) any certificates of education.

1. Farm Operation Information:

Farming Operation: The name that you use for your irrigated agriculture business.

Mailing Address: Where general correspondence regarding the Ag Waiver will be mailed.

Billing Address: The address where bill statements associated with the Ag Waiver will be mailed. If you require more than one bill, fill out an individual NOI for each separate business to be billed.

2. Monitoring Program Selection: There are two options that satisfy the legal requirement for monitoring. You must select either cooperative or individual monitoring. Failure to monitor is a violation of the Waiver.

Cooperative monitoring: This option provides a lower cost, industry-led alternative to individual monitoring. Grant funds have been awarded for 2006-2008. These funds require matching funds in the form of participant payments made to Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc. (CCWQP), the non-profit agricultural based entity responsible for oversight of the cooperative monitoring program.

You must maintain your standing as a fully paid cooperative monitoring participant, as well as comply with all other requirements of the Waiver, in order to be in compliance and avoid incurring possible penalties, such as fines.

For more information on the Cooperative Monitoring Program, contact CCWQP at (831) 761-8644.

Individual monitoring: If you choose this option, you are responsible for all costs associated with individual monitoring requirements as described in the Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Ag Waiver (Resolution # R3-2004-0117). The costs are estimated at \$15,000 per year or more.

You must comply with all requirements and time schedules of the individual monitoring program, as well as comply with all other requirements of the Waiver, in order to be in compliance and avoid incurring possible penalties, such as fines.

3. Hours of Education: Courses such as the UC Cooperative Extension's Farm Water Quality Planning short course (UCCE short course), and other workshops and seminars certified by the Regional Board as qualifying toward the educational requirements of the conditional waiver. You must attach copies of certificates supplied by these courses. For a complete list of certified courses, visit our website (www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast). UCCE short courses are scheduled through the end of 2006 only.

4. Farm Plan: An on-site water quality management plan that includes business goals, site assessment and practices planning. This is normally part of the UCCE short course.

5. Additional Documents: You must submit all requested documents in order for your application to be complete.

6. Certification: Must be signed by a responsible party. Please send the **original signed copy** of the certification.

II) Ranch Information Instructions

The Ranch Information provides information on individual ranch sites. **Please fill out a Ranch form for each individual site that is farmed.** If you farm at two individual ranch sites, you will fill out two ranch forms.

A) Ranch/Site Name: The individual ranch name(s). There may be one or more ranches within a farming operation. Please list information separately for each ranch that may be part of your operation.

B) APN Number: County Tax Assessor's Parcel Number for each individual ranch site.

The Information requested for items C, D and E may be located on the "Production Agriculture Monthly Pesticide Use Report" submitted to the Agricultural Commissioner following pesticide application.

C) OIN Number: Operator ID/Permit Number. The identification number for pesticide applicators assigned by the County Agricultural Commissioner to the grower or property operator.

D) Site Number: The code assigned by the County Agricultural Commissioner that indicates a location where a pesticide application may occur. Can be found on the Pesticide Use Report under Site Identification Number.

E) County Number: County number for the physical location of each ranch.

F) Physical Address, City: The address or description of the physical location of each ranch.

G) Total irrigated acres: Acres that are irrigated to produce a crop (does not include roads, ponds, non-agricultural or dry-farmed areas).

H) Discharge Acreages:

Total Tailwater Acres: Acres with water that leaves the property during the irrigation season through tile lines, ditches and drains. Do not include acreage where water drains to on-site ponds.

Tailwater Acres from Tile Drains: Tile drain acreages that discharge off-site (this number is included in total tailwater acres, but is being tracked separately).

Acres Discharging to Ponds: Acres where irrigation water drains to ponds and does not leave the property.

I) Crop Type Acreage: Total acres planted in each *type of crop*. Actual acres, not crop acres.

J) Irrigation Type Acreage: Acres where *each type* of irrigation is used. If a combination of irrigation is used, list the acreage amounts for each irrigation type in the appropriate column.

K) Management Practice Checklist Instructions

This is a list of strategies that may be used to protect water quality. The checklist is divided into four categories corresponding to the requirements of the farm water quality plan: erosion control, irrigation management, pesticide management and nutrient management. Check all strategies that you have in place or are planning to implement within the next three years. You may indicate if strategies are not applicable to your operation. It is not necessary to check something in each row. At the end of each category, supply information on **1)** how many acres are not yet being treated (have practices planned but not yet in place); **2)** how many acres have been partially treated (have some planned practices in place); and **3)** how many acres have been completely treated (have all planned practices in place).

Mail completed forms and all attachments to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attn: Ag Waiver
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If you have questions about the forms or waiver requirements, please contact any of the following Regional Board staff:

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